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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

**CONVICTED FELON CHARGED WITH UNLAWFUL
POSSESSION OF FIREARMS**

PRESS RELEASE

Susan W. Brooks, United States Attorney for the Southern District of Indiana, announced that MARK COOPER, 46, Indianapolis, Indiana, was charged with the unlawful possession of firearms and ammunition by a convicted felon, following an investigation by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, and Firearms, and the Indianapolis Police Department.

The information alleges that COOPER, who has multiple prior felony convictions, had a .12 gauge shotgun and a .22 caliber rifle at his residence on February 17, 2003.

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According to Assistant United States Attorney James P. Hanlon, who is prosecuting the case for the government, COOPER faces a maximum possible prison sentence of 10 years. COOPER was previously ordered detained pending trial. An initial hearing on the information before a Magistrate Judge will be held in the near future.

The information is an allegation only, and the defendant is presumed innocent unless and until proven guilty at trial or by guilty plea.

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